Marine Library Association Board Meeting Minutes
June 15th, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Lynn Bjorkman
Deb Yanker Black
Mary Burke
Beth Honetschlager
Rebecca Otto
Eloise Powell
Laurie Schmidt
Christi Schmitt
Kathy Scoggin
Debra Mitts Smith
Kathy Trombly-Ferrin
Members Absent: Liz Kelly, Jim Maher

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order – Lynn

Reading of Land Acknowledgement Statement – Kathy T.

Reading of Vision Statement - Rebecca

Secretary's Report Board meeting minutes for April 2026 (attachment)
Motion to accept- Rebecca Seconded - Laurie

Treasurer's Report
• Review of financial statements (attachments)
Treasurer's Summary Report 5/31/26, Statement of Activity, Statement of Financial Position

1. Receipt of Capacity Building Grant from SCVF and execution of consulting contract
2. Expenditures are at 23% of what is projected. Revenues at 42%.

New Business

- Update on Capacity Building Grant activity and working committee– Rebecca
    - 12 in-depth interviews and 4 focus groups including community members.
- Diane Wilson gifted 375 books(18-20 boxes). Will need assistance in moving, storing, and organizing books.
- St. Croix Valley Magazine- Lynn was interviewed by the Editor for the Fall issue.
- Star Tribune Writer will profile the River Radio podcast.

Committee Reports

1. Adult Programming

1. Sixth Annual Paddlecrafts Boat Show on July 14th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Burris Park.
2. Arrow Broken- 170 attendees at Dr. Treuer event on Friday, June 12th.
3. Arrow Broken Poetry Collective on Thursday, July 23rd from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
4. River Radio- Season 8 begins in September.
5. Documentary Night begins on October 1st.
6. Artist Mary Scully Whitaker on display through August.

2. Beyond Land Acknowledgement – report on co-hosted event with Arrow Broken, Friday, June 12th

3. Children's Programming

1. Week One Art and Science Library Camp
    a. Pine Needles Residency Artist, MN Pollinators, William O'Brien presenters.
    b. Week 2 is underway with DNR, Arrow Broken Poetry, and Wildlife Center.
    c. 2 full scholarships and 1 partial provided.
2. 4 Summer Storytimes
    a. New location for Storytimes this summer at the Marine Mills Historic Site Park on
    Thursdays: July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd (Will Sings Songs!)
    and July 30th from 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 a.m.
3. Add Damage/Loss Category for MVS students as a new budget item to replace children's books.
    a. Loralee might be able to produce a query of missing children's books.
    b. Mary will look at Library World to see if we can add/exit Marine Village School Students.
4. MVS End of year review
    a. Recommendation to include parent interviews in strategic planning focus groups.

4. Collections

1. The Committee met on May 9th and ordered 43 books.
    a. 58 books on spreadsheet since last meeting, including book donations.
    b. Next meeting in August to review Native authors, local authors, and children's books.
    c. Little Free Library Book locations: Gammelgarden (by swingset), in front of Edward Jones, and Scandia at Lilleskogen Park. .
    d. Rebecca donated Dr. Treuer's 2024 YA book, *Where Wolves Don't Die.*

5. Communications

1. Report in August

6. Finance & Fundraising – reporting included with Treasurer's report

7. Operations

1. All library and computer equipment has been up and running.
2. 2 sessions of refresher training - June 22nd (14) and June 23rd (2)
3. Very positive feedback of new glass door
4. Remember to shut the library door to meet ADA requirements
5. Vertical blind needs to be reinstalled

8. Outreach

1. Scandia Farmers Market is starting this month. One Wednesday a month through September.
    - Will bring flyers, stickers, and children's temporary tattoos.

9. Strategic Planning –Leadership Development Assessment

1. Our Board Members are strong ambassadors.
2. Nearly half of the Board Members are comfortable leading strategically.
3. Least comfortable how best to support the Board Chair and how to ensure financial stability.

Notes/Reminders

• Have we shared a Library "Success Story" or point of connection?
• Have all details for the upcoming 60-plus days of events been shared with Communications?

Meeting adjourned - 8:28 p.m.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, August 17th, 2026

Picnic Potluck at Burris Park at 6:00 p.m., upstairs in the village hall if it rains.